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SUBJECT: GOC SECURITY FORCES CONTINUE ROUNDUPS

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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS, GOC SECURITY FORCES JANUARY 25 MADE ANOTHER MAJOR RAID INTO A SANTIAGO NEIGHBORHOOD IN A "ROUTINE AND NORMAL OPERATION" TO LOOK FOR EXTREMISTS AND COMMON CRIMINALS. ELEMENTS OF ARMY, CARABINEROS (NATIONAL POLICE) AND INVESTIGACIONES (CIVILIAN POLICE) TOOK PART IN ROUNDUP WHICH BEGAN AT 5:30 A.M. WITH 3,000 MALES BEING HERDED INTO SOCCER FIELD WHERE POLICE CHECKED EACH PERSON'S IDENTIFICATION. REPORTEDLY 68 PERSONS REMAINED DETAINED AFTER THE OPERATION TERMINATED.

2. COMMENT: AS WITH PREVIOUS SERIES OF SUCH RAIDS LAST JULY-AUGUST, ONE MAJOR PURPOSE OBVIOUSLY IS TO ROUND UP AND DISCOURAGE PETTY CRIMINALS. AT SAME TIME, RAIDS HAVE POLITICAL CONNOTATION; RETURN TO THEM SHOWS CONTINUE INTENTION OF GOC TO USE DRAGNET METHODS TO HUNT EXTREMISTS AND AS MEANS OF INTIMIDATING POSSIBLE TROUBLEMAKERS.
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